

COOPER LANDING TRAILS COMMITTEE

September 16, 2021 MEETING 6:00 PM
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: David Story, Janette Cadieux, Martha Story, plus Lorraine Temple, Mike Gould
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: March 18, 2021. See website.
4. TREASURERS REPORT: Not available. No anticipated changes.
5. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - a. Mike Gould expressed interest in joining CLT.
 - b. Fed Hwys: Acknowledged receiving Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project application for funding a planning effort (CLTRPP). The application did not qualify for funding. Next funding target may be 2023.
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Update on FLAP grant application for the CL Town Road Pathway Project: See correspondence above. Q: What was the project? A: Reminded that it was approved by CLCC. FLAP funds projects to connect federal lands. The whole application can be seen on the CLWCP/CLT website. The app requested funding for developing a plan to connect the federal assets via a walk/bike/alternative transportation pathway along the town road. The name given was the CL Town Road Pathway Project.
 - b. What other grants might we apply to use the effort that was involved in the FLAP application?
 - i. We'll keep our eyes open.
 - ii. The infrastructure bill should afford some monies that might become available to groups and projects such as ours.
 - iii. David will be following up with Don Young's legislative assistant in the coming days as to what the Congressman might be able to do to help.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Grant Opportunities:
 - i. See above discussion about FLAP application.
 1. We have letters of support from all principal groups except Kenaitze Tribe. Staffing has changed with Kenaitze. David has tried reaching out to the individual who is working with the Bypass project on tribal concerns. Economic Develop Corporation support is critical and it appears we have it. Janette will pursue local group letters that hadn't been received on time for FLAP application when the timing is right.
 - ii. Rec. Trails Program: Need to have an app in place by beginning of 2022 to obtain new equipment (like a new snow machine) to replace worn and wearing-out equipment. David feels he'll be able to work on this.
 - b. Volunteer Opportunities
 - i. Mike Gould is a retired contractor of 38 years and is willing to apply his skills to our project both for trail work and other tasks.
 - ii. Lorraine Temple is best at trail work and not grant-type work.
 - iii. Trail Maintenance
 1. We'll try to put invites in the Crier to join trail work efforts.
 2. Need brushing/lopping along pathway from MP 45-47.

- 3. Need brushing/lopping from bridge to Snug Harbor Rd. and the crossing area. Areas like this cannot be reached by the local DOT crews so we should maintain.
- 4. Tread improvement between Museum and Shell-horn Rapids (Princess Rapids). It's degraded from its original status and needs leveling.
- 5. Beam bridges on Safety Path between MP 45-47 might need to be done since the construction that will replace them won't take place until at least 2023. Spans are under 12'. The work could be done by hand. Beams are already purchased. There will need to be sill construction.
- 6. Our Point of View section of Safety Path needs brushing/lopping.
- 7. Devil's Creek snow trails need brushing as well as tree cuts. Janette will head this effort. Martha, Chris, and Galbraiths will help. Lorraine can help in November.
- iv. Grooming preparations
 - 1. David needs confirm that the Russian campground will be available this year. The beetle-kill tree project may need to be done there this winter.
 - 2. We do have the shelter and equipment to set up in one of our three locations this year. November is the target for that work.
 - 3. Equipment maintenance will occur prior to November. David is on that.
 - 4. Any folks who want to help with grooming need to be trained by David as he is authorized by USFS to do so. Really need folks to help with the moving and setting-up of equipment.
- v. Media / Communication
 - 1. Walkcooperlanding.org
 - 2. We are in pretty good position on the website but it can also use some updating.
 - 3. We'll need to have a short 2-3 min. video or slide presentation that we can send to folks who might have an influence on our funding.
 - 4. Social media sites such as FB also we need someone willing to take them on.
- vi. Grant Application/Administration
 - 1. MG: DOT sets the priorities for infrastructure construction in the state. We need to lobby them while the money is available in the near future.
 - 2. Urban areas are working on projects. Urban areas are the main focus for funding. We do have KPB Transportation Plan backing but KPB does not have the influence that DOT does. We need to focus on the linkage that we are for access to federal lands and assets. On the spur off the Alaska Long Trail to Homer, CL is the missing link, especially MP 47-57 of the town road.
 - 3. Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is being updated. David and Janette have been attending that to help focus on what our needs are as well as the region's. Goal setting is on the next agenda for this group.

8. INFORMATION and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. We remain a committee of the Cooper Landing Community Club.
- b. Oct 5-7 RAC meeting regarding Cooper Landing Community Safe Trails effort. Could use all the support possible in attendance and willingness to testify.
- c. Sep 25th is the grand opening of the new trail connection between Hideout trail and Bernie's trail to Hidden Lake campground.
- d. Next year KNWR is connecting Skilak Overlook trailhead to Vista trailhead via Skilak Lookout.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS
 - a. Alaska Wildland Adventures contributes sharing of equipment including their tommy-lift truck for moving the groomer.
10. SELECT NEW MEETING DATE: The week prior to the next CLCC meeting is a possibility. We'll do a mid-October active trails work meeting.
11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 p.m.

For information or to submit comments, please email walkcooperlanding@gmail.com or send to
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